GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of judges in various High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) whether a number of posts of judges have been lying vacant in these courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof, court-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of judges?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)

(a),(b)&(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) After the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record & Anr. Vs. Union of India, read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 199S, the entire process of initiation of proposal for appointment of a Judge of a Supreme Court lies with the Chief Justice of India and for the appointment of a Judge of a High Court, with the Chief Justice of that High Court. Government has been periodically reminding the Chief Justices of High Courts, the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Ministers of the States to initiate proposals for filling up all vacant posts of judges in the High Courts.